Appomattox County . . . Yesterday And Today

By Paul Ghioto

Except for a dozen or so buildings at the old Court House site, not much remained to tell the traveller passing through the County in the summer of 1893 that this was the place where the country's civil war had come to an end 28 years before. The courthouse building itself had burnt in February, 1892 and the old Raglind home, formerly Wilmer McLean's, had been disassembled in February and its materials stacked in the front yard awaiting shipment to Washington, D.C.

By 1893, many of the veterans themselves had passed away and unless they had recorded their adventures somewhere, their lives were now only fading memories. True, George Peers was around to tell tales of the surrender. He was County Clerk then (1865) and still was all this time later. Colonel Bob Poore, another resident of the old Court House, also could be counted upon for a story or two as well.

When Major George B. Davidson of the U. S. Army came to Appomattox in September, 1893 this situation was shortly to change. Interviewed upon registering at the Hotel Appomattox, Davidson informed the local press that his business in town involved "improvement in connection with the battle grounds around the old Court House."

In November, Army Captain Calvin Cowle arrived in Appomattox to continue his predecessor's work. Boarding also at T. A. Smith's hotel, Cowle was described by a reporter from the **Appomattox And Buckingham Times** as an "exceedingly agreeable gentleman". It seemed that his mission was to "superintend the erection of some tablets designated to mark the various spots of interest connected with the surrender of General Lee, such as the place where the old McLean House stood, the site of the famous apple tree, etc." To calm any fears that the local monied interests had, it was also reported that the work would be "done at the expense of the government" and that it would be a "great help to tourists and sightseers who come to view the spot which occupies such a prominent place in history."

By the 17th of November, work was completed on the erection of eleven cast iron tablets. Clerk Peers was commended for his special help in establishing "as near as possible" the correct location for each of the historical markers.

Each marker was fastened to an iron post and sunk into the ground a "sufficient depth to insure stability". Nine of the markers were approximately three feet long by two feet high and all were painted contrasting colors of black and white to insure greater legibility. The other two tablets were merely directional markers steering visitors from the new Court House to the old.

The above picture of the tablet which used to mark the site of General Grant's headquarters was taken in 1941 by Park Service historian Ralph Happel. The first recorded photographer of the "new" tablets, however, was G. H. Erainbert of Farmville, who visited the battlefield on behalf of the "Press Association" on Tuesday, March 13, 1894.

Today, within the boundaries of the Historical Park, five of the original tablets are still doing their duty. The marker at Lee's Headquarters is especially interesting, not only for this reason, but because the man who cast the tablet never inserted the first letter "r" in the word "Northern".

Long-time visitors to the "Surrender Grounds" no doubt recall seeing many of these old tablets. Now, 82 years after first being erected, the markers are themselves "historical".

LOOKING BACK:

1. Like "Gatsby", he attended an English university after WWI:
A.) S. L. Ferguson B.) J. West Flood C.) Willis Bocock D.) Henry Flood
2. Serves as part of the County line:
A.) Vaughan's Creek B.) Fish Pond Creek C.) Rt. 634 D.) Rocky Run
3. Highest point in the County:
A.) Foggy Mann Mt. B.) Piney Mt. C.) Cheatham's Mt. D.) Walton's Mt.
4. Flows into the James River:
A.) Falling River B.) Reedy Creek C.) Appomattox R. D.) David's Creek
5. **Times-Virginian** surfaced in:
A.) 1925 B.) 1931 C.) 1892 D.) 1909

ANSWERS: 1.) B 2.) A 3.) B 4.) C 5.) D

NAMED TO TECH'S DEAN LIST

"Plicky" Williams, son of Mrs. Edith M. Williams of Appomattox, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring Quarter at Virginia Tech.

Students making the Dean's List must have a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

Williams was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education in commencement exercises held in Lane Stadium at Virignia Polytechnic Institute and State University on June 7, 1975.

He has accepted a position with the Appomattox County School System where he will teach Physical Education and will be Assistant Varsity Football Coach at Appomattox County High School.

HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES IN THE SOUTH

Who Will Be Miss Appomattox Dixie Youth?

Joan Marie Robertson

Angie Ferguson

Gina Kay Adams

Tammy Bates

Dawn Rosser

Patty Stratton

One of these six attractive young Appomattox County girls will be named "Miss Appomattox County Dixie Youth Queen" on Wednesday night, July 2 at 8 p.m. at the WOW ball field.

The announcement of the winner in the contest will be made and the new "Queen" will be crowned. The winner will be eligible to compete for the title of Miss Virginia Dixie Youth Queen at Keysville in July of this year.

As in the past, the winner is determined by the number of votes she gets and you can still vote for the candidate of your choice - a penny a vote - dropped in one of the many jars placed throughout the county.

All proceeds from the contest will be used to purchase needed equipment and to help the Dixie Youth Association continue its fine sports program here.

Contestants this year are Joan Marie Robertson, 11, who will be representing Oakville Team. Joan is the daughter of Mrs. Joyce Robertson. Angie Ferguson, 11, will be representing the Yankee Team. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ferguson. Representing the Pamplin Team will be 12 year old Gina Kay Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Adams of Pamplin. The Orioles Team will be represented by Tammy Bates, the 12 year old daughter of Mrs. Nina Doyen. Dawn Rosser will be representing the Giant Team in the contest. Dawn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rosser. Patty Stratton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Stratton, will be representing the Braves Team.

When you pass by these "jars", drop in some of your change - it will be used for a most worthy program.

APPOMATTOX DIXIE YOUTH MAJOR LEAGUE
As of June 21

Team - Sponsor	W	L
Oakville-Oakv. Ruritan	10	1
Orioles-App. Hdwe.	12	2
Braves-T-Va.	6	7
Giants-Law. F.	4	9
Yankees - App. Gar. Co.	4	10
Pamplin-Pamp. Rur.	4	11

Home Runs

Kenny Burks-Orioles
Lorenza Culpepper-Oakv.
Bucky Totty-Oakv.
Andy Daulton-Yankees
Leonard McCormick-Giants
Charles Megginson-Orioles
Steve Mayberry-Orioles
Neal Cole-Orioles
Dean Page - Yankees
Duane Blanks-Yankees
Kevin Mitchell-Braves
Gerald Sharp-Orioles
Greg Davis-Orioles
Robbie Martin-Orioles
Doug Powell-Orioles
Martin Johnson-Oakville
Mark Kelso-Braves
David Ferguson-Braves
Steve Poole-Giants

APPOMATTOX SOFTBALL
League Standings

	W	L
Lawson Ford	13	1
NAPA	11	3
Best Furniture Co.	9	6
Amoco Car Wash	8	5
Hilltoppers	7	9
Thomasville #2	3	9
Appo. Baptist Temple	4	11
Thomasville #1	2	13

Last Week's Results

Appomattox Baptist Temple, 10 - Hilltoppers, 9
Lawson Ford, 12 - Best Furn., 11
Amoco Car Wash, 22 - Thomasville #2, 8
NAPA, 11 - Thomasville #1, 4
Lawson Ford, 7 - Appo. Baptist Temple, 0 (Forfiet)
Thomasville #1, 15 - Amoco Car Wash, 10
Best Furniture, 7, - Thomasville #2, 0(Forfiet)

APPOMATTOX COUNTY DIXIE YOUTH
Minor League Standings
As of June 21, 1975

	W	L
Western Auto	10	4
Jamerson Bro. Cards.	8	4
Amelia Dress	9	5
Oakville	6	6
J. S. Bryant	4	10
Pamplin	4	12

Horse Show

There will be an Open Youth Horse Show on June 28, with raindate on June 29, at the Timberlake Horse Show Grounds on 460 West, Lynchburg, Va. This is for ages between 9 and 19. It is sponsored by the Canter-Lope 4-H Building Club of Campbell County and Virginia Tech Extension Service. There are shows beginning at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. There will be classes for all types of horses and ponies including a headline class for riders under 6 years of age lead by an adult and riders who are beginning to show this year.

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Receives Check to Establish Library

NT GRAVES, (l) William & Mary College, accepts a $1,250 check from Charles Reeder, Audio-Visual, to establish the Carl A. Fehr Music Library - an audio and visual record of mances during "Pappy's" nearly 30 years as choir director. Thomas R. Terry '74 of g, (r) coordinated the fund drive among choir alumni. Pappy, center, and Mrs. Fehr their honor and appreciation of the gesture. Recordings are available for listening in the ment of Swem Library.

Moore, Route 2, Concord, has one of the more tobacco crops in Appomattox County. This field of was planted five weeks ago with 1400 pound 4-8-12 n and 500 pounds in the row.
s enrolled in the Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers s Awards Program for 1975 and the way things look ave one of the handsome certificates to hang on his ar, J. A. Smith, Extension Agent, reported.

the program: Mr. Floyd Eggleston, Fidelity Bank; Mr. A. R. Harwood, Appomattox Hardware; Mr. Franklin Vaughan, Times Virginian Printing Co.; Mr. T. DeWitt Evans, Farmers National Bank; Mr. Roger Lorando, Appomattox Garment Co.; and Mr. E. B. Bland, Lawson Ford.

Cooperative Office Education is the capstone of a student's occupational training program in office occupations. This program provides for the coordination of classroom study and on-the job training. In this program the students have their schedules arranged so that they attend classes part of the school day and are employed in an office capacity during the other part of the day. This program provides training for office careers through the cooperative education approach.

Students of the Occupational Home Economics Foods program served the luncheon under supervision of their instructor, Mrs. Cassandra Turner.

Business Students Honor Employers

Senior students in the Cooperative Office Education program in the Business Education Department at Appomattox County High School honored their employers with a luncheon on Wed., May 28. Sheila Franklin, president of the FBLA, presided over the luncheon which was attended by eight employers, seventeen employees, and five guests.

Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, superintendent of Schools for Appomattox County, made a few brief remarks about the Cooperative Office Education program and expressed great satisfaction with the program. He emphasized the need for on-the-job training and thanked the employers for their cooperation and support for providing a training station to the business students in the COE program this school year.

Mrs. Cella Beamer, COE coordinator, presented certificates to the following employers in appreciation of their support and co-operation with

nut Grove

ell L. Harris rgery Monday at aptist Hospital in We wish him a ery. Mrs. R. L. L. Harris visited

is extended to ley in the death er, George Dun-

Morris and boys Cole Reunion at odist Church at Saturday.

itors of Mr. and son Morris were Clyde Dowdy, of rs. Jackie O'Brien man O'Brien, both

Debbie Baldwin, are spending a few Ruth Beasley.

Williams has to her home in Va., after spending with Mr. and Mrs. liams.

Mrs Don Morris and Sunday visitors of Mrs. Lewis Morgan at

Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Kathy Ellen were itors of Mrs. Carson at Spout

Harris, of Lynchburg, week end with her Mr. and Mrs. Joe L.

Mrs. Clyde Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Jackie Patsy O'Brien, all visited Mr. and O'Brien Sunday.

Robert Metcalfe, Jr., Mary Ann of each; Miss Mae Fayette, Alabama, of last week with Mrs. W. T. Cook, Randy Cook, of Miami Saturday night some.

supper guest of Joe L. Harris Mrs. Paul Manis of Sevierville, and Mrs. Jack and Mrs. T. M. family, all of

Evans, with their Bob Mann, enter- Harris with a nesday night in graduation from Central High They also visited Mrs. Morris at Holly Manor Farmville.

Calvin W. Harris mother, Mrs. Lucy a dinner Sunday birthday. All of her there except two, her grandchildren, neighbors called son.

Morris, of Richmond, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster and Jason, of Dillwyn; Charles Morris of Richmond; Nancy Wilson of Farmville; and Reedy Miller of Dillwyn.

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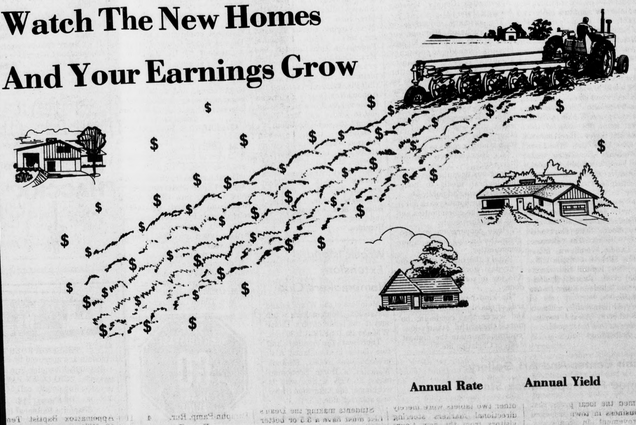

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